



## ADVISORY BOARD MINUTES

Wednesday, February 29, 2012, 1:30 P.M.  
 8<sup>th</sup> Floor Conference Room  
 City Hall Building, 2 Civic Center Plaza

### **Members Present: 7**

*Katrina M. Martich, Joanne Burt, James H. Tolbert, Andres Quintana, Bill G. Addington, Kevin T. von Finger, Charlie S. Wakeem, Chair*

### **Members Absent: 2**

*Richard L. Thomas, Lois A. Balin*

### **Vacancies: 0**

### **Planning and Economic Development Staff:**

*David Coronado, Lead Planner; Shamori Whitt, Planner; Kim Forsyth, Lead Planner; Kevin Smith, Planner; Melissa Granado, Planner; Laura Kissack, Planner; Nathaniel Baker, Planner*

### **Others Present:**

*Lupe Cuellar, Assistant City Attorney, City Attorney's Office; Kareem Dallo, Engineering Division Manager; Pat Adaauto, EPWU-PSB; Rudy Valdez, EPWU-PSB; Gonzalo Cedillos, EPWU-PSB; Marcia Tuck, Open Space, Trails and Parks Coordinator; Bradley Roe, Roe Engineering; Rick Cordova, Roe Engineering; John Sproul, UTEP-CERM; Jeff Mann, Parametrix, via phone - Tammy Miller, Parametrix, Wetlands Biologist*

### **1. Meeting Called to Order**

*Chair Wakeem called the meeting to order at 1:33pm.*

### **2. Call to the Public (items not listed on the agenda)**

*None.*

### **3. Discussion and Action**

#### **a. Approval of Minutes: February 15, 2012**

Chair Wakeem asked if Board Members had any additions, corrections and/or revisions. There being none.

### **MOTION:**

*Motion made by Mr. von Finger, seconded by Mr. Tolbert and **UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED TO APPROVE THE MINUTES FOR FEBRUARY 15, 2012.***

b. Changes to the Agenda

Mr. Coronado requested:

1. Move item 4 to the end of the agenda
2. Move item 9 to the forefront of the agenda
3. Item 6 – Postpone two months
4. Item 8 - Delete

Chair Wakeem asked if Board Members had any further comments or discussions.

**MOTION:**

*Motion made by Mr. von Finger, seconded by Ms. Martich and **UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED TO APPROVE THE CHANGES TO THE AGENDA.***

c. Review and comment on current subdivision applications, as indicated below:

- (1) **SUSU12-00015:** Enchanted Hills Unit Three – Being a portion of Tracts 8, 9C and 9A, Laura E. Mundy Survey No. 238, City of El Paso, El Paso County, Texas
- LOCATION: North of Transmountain Road and East of I-10
- PROPERTY OWNER: El Paso Transmountain Residential, L.L.C.
- REPRESENTATIVE: Roe Engineering, L.C.
- DISTRICT: 1
- TYPE: Major Combination
- STAFF CONTACT: Kevin Smith, (915) 541-4903, [smithkw@elpasotexas.gov](mailto:smithkw@elpasotexas.gov)

Mr. Smith gave a PowerPoint presentation and noted Staff did not receive any adverse comments. Staff recommends approval of the modifications, as well as, the subdivision, on a major combination application.

Mr. Smith responded to questions and/or comments from Chair Wakeem.

**MOTION:**

*Motion made by Mr. von Finger, seconded by Mr. Quintana and **CARRIED TO APPROVE.***

**NAY:** Mr. Addington

**ABSTAIN:** Ms. Martich, Mr. Tolbert

Motion passed.

4. **Discussion and Action** on the City of El Paso's Comprehensive Plan.

Contact: Fred Lopez, [lopezar@elpasotexas.gov](mailto:lopezar@elpasotexas.gov)

The following commented:

1. Ms. Whitt
2. Chair Wakeem
3. Ms. Adaauto
4. Ms. Cuellar
5. Mr. Valdez
6. Ms. Martich suggested substituting the word *critical* for *major* if there has to be a qualifier at all on the term arroyo
7. Mr. Tolbert
8. Mr. von Finger

Chair Wakeem asked if Board Members had any further comments or discussions.

Mr. Addington felt uncomfortable voting for changes to the Comprehensive Plan that he has not even read.

Chair Wakeem called for the question. There was no objection from the Board.

**1<sup>st</sup> MOTION:**

*Motion made by Mr. Tolbert, seconded by Mr. von Finger AND CARRIED TO APPROVE THIS WITH THE SIMPLE CHANGE OF ADVISING THAT WE USE THE WORD "CRITICAL" INSTEAD OF "MAJOR" WHEN USED TO DESCRIBE ARROYOS.*

**ABSTAIN:** Mr. Addington

Referring to page 3, Chair Wakeem recommended that the phrase "of critical portions" be deleted.

**2<sup>nd</sup> MOTION:**

*Motion made by Mr. Tolbert, seconded by Ms. Martich AND CARRIED TO DELETE THE PHRASE "OF CRITICAL PORTIONS".*

**ABSTAIN:** Mr. Addington

Chair Wakeem recommended, with these changes, that we recommend that the Plan in general be approved, with our corrections.

**3<sup>rd</sup> AND FINAL MOTION:**

*Motion made by Mr. von Finger, seconded by Mr. Tolbert AND CARRIED THAT THE OSAB IS RECOMMENDING APPROVAL OF THE COMPREHENSIVE PLAN, WITH THE OSAB CORRECTIONS, WITH THE CAVEAT THAT THE OSAB HAS RESERVATIONS ABOUT THE MEMO WITH THE CHANGES BECAUSE THE OSAB HAS NOT BEEN GIVEN THE OPPORTUNITY TO READ THEM.*

**ABSTAIN:** Mr. Addington, Ms. Martich

Motion passed.

**FOR FUTURE REFERENCE**

After the vote, Ms. Martich requested Staff attach the documents, or provide a link, that the Board Members will be taking action on.

5. **Discussion and Action:** Status report by the Parks and Recreation Department regarding the designated state trailheads approved by City Council on June 21, 2011.  
Contact: Marcia Tuck, (915) 541-4020, [tuckmj@elpasotexas.gov](mailto:tuckmj@elpasotexas.gov)

Ms. Tuck gave a PowerPoint presentation.

The following commented:

1. Ms. Tuck
2. Chair Wakeem
3. Mr. Valdez
4. Ms. Cuellar
5. Ms. Martich
6. Mr. von Finger
7. Ms. Burt
8. Mr. Tolbert

***NO ACTION WAS TAKEN.***

6. **Discussion and Action:** Timeline of the EPWU feasibility study that would provide a long term, sustainable supply of water to Rio Bosque. Contact: Rudy Valdez, [rvaldez@epwu.org](mailto:rvaldez@epwu.org)

***ITEM IS POSTPONED FOR TWO MONTHS***

7. **Discussion and Action:** Consider a request to add the following item to the "Ten Percent Open Space Stormwater List." Contact: Rudy Valdez, [rvaldez@epwu.org](mailto:rvaldez@epwu.org)  
– Arroyo located off of Westwind Drive in the vicinity of Wildwood Street and Northwind Street.

Mr. Valdez gave a PowerPoint presentation.

The following commented:

1. Mr. Valdez
2. Chair Wakeem
3. Mr. Tolbert
4. Ms. Burt
5. Mr. Cedillos
6. Ms. Cuellar

Chair Wakeem asked if Board Members had any further comments or discussions.

Chair Wakeem entertained a motion to do the memo to add this to the priority list.

**MOTION:**

*Motion made by Mr. Tolbert, seconded by Ms. Burt and **UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED TO DRAFT THE MEMO TO ADD THIS TO THE PRIORITY LIST.***

8. **Discussion and Action:** Report from EPWU on local water districts and current irrigation issues. Contact: Rudy Valdez, [rvaldez@epwu.org](mailto:rvaldez@epwu.org)

**ITEM HAS BEEN DELETED FROM THE AGENDA**

9. **Discussion and Action:** Status update on the Mitigation Bank Subcommittee. Contact: Kareem Dallo, (915) 541-4425, [dallokf@elpasotexas.gov](mailto:dallokf@elpasotexas.gov)

Mr. Jeff Mann, Parametrix, gave a PowerPoint presentation.

The following commented and/or asked questions:

1. Mr. Mann
2. Mr. von Finger
3. Ms. Tammy Miller, Parametrix
4. Ms. Martich
5. Mr. Dallo
6. Chair Wakeem
7. Mr. Addington

No further comments and/or questions.

Chair Wakeem asked Staff to provide the Board a report sometime in the future. Additionally, he requested Staff keep the Board informed and up-to-date.

**NO ACTION WAS TAKEN.**

10. **Discussion and Action** on revisions to the Open Space Advisory Board Bylaws. Contact: Charlie Wakeem, [charliewak@sbcglobal.net](mailto:charliewak@sbcglobal.net)

Copies of the revised Open Space Advisory Board Bylaws were distributed to the Board Members.

The following commented:

1. Mr. Coronado
2. Ms. Cuellar commented on the OSAB discussing the acquisition of real property as a closed meeting. Ms. Cuellar suggested the Board adopt this subject to this provision being added, once Council approves.
3. Chair Wakeem
4. Mr. Tolbert
5. Ms. Martich

No further comments and/or questions.

Chair Wakeem directed staff to revise Article VII – Participation by Employee and Public, number three to delete the following language: “or the ex-officio member desires to speak” from the Bylaws.

***NO MOTION WAS MADE.***

**11. Discussion and Action:** Items for Future Agendas

Chair Wakeem asked if Board Members had any further comments or discussions.

***NO ACTION WAS TAKEN.***

**12. Adjournment**

***MOTION:***

*Motion made by Mr. von Finger and UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED TO ADJOURN AT 3:40 P.M.*